Acres of Wildflowers Blossom at Snowline

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offsets this short season by providing a riot of color and form in wild flowers.

The flowers of the Hudsonian and Arctic-Alpine zones are many and varied, ranging from the large and showy Rhododendron to the tiny bloom of the Red Mount Heather.

The pink rhododendron of the lower elevations that have made Mt. Hood famous have long since reached their peak, but many fine blooms can still be found in higher elevations.

A white rhododendron, more typical of higher slopes, stays in bloom throughout the summer months.

Indian Paint Brush and its cousin, Lance Tooth Paint Brush, found throughout the Cascades of Oregon and Washington, range in color from maroon to bright orange. These flowers, found on moist sites along with the yellow and red Monkey Flower, are perhaps our most vividly colored species of the timberline level.

'Sea' Of Lupine

Blue lupine often covers large areas of grassy slopes giving an impression of blue clouds over a sea of green. The elegant flowering heads of the Mt. Hood and Columbia lily are not as widely scattered as other Alpine wild flowers, but instead are found as isolated plants growing in moist, shaded nooks of the timberline forest.

People who pick either of these two species are often disappointed as the flowers wilt before you can reach the car or home.

Identification and pressing of wild flowers can be a fascinating hobby that enhances the enjoyment of just being out of doors. Libraries and book stores carry many good books on the flowers of the Pacific Northwest. The enthusiast should carry envelopes or folded sheets of paper to help preserve his specimens.

The Forest Service permits the picking of wild flowers—but they do ask that it be done away fom roads, trails, and other recreation centers.

The digging of plants, shrubs and trees is permitted after obtaining a written permit from a local U. S. Forest Service District Ranger station. Foresters there will direct diggers to areas where good specimens can be found away from public view. The fall season, after a good soaking rain has loosened the soil, is the best time for transplanting forest plants.

Those visitors interested in the Alpine regions of Mt. Hood should stop at the Zig Zag Ranger Station for maps, directions, and other information.

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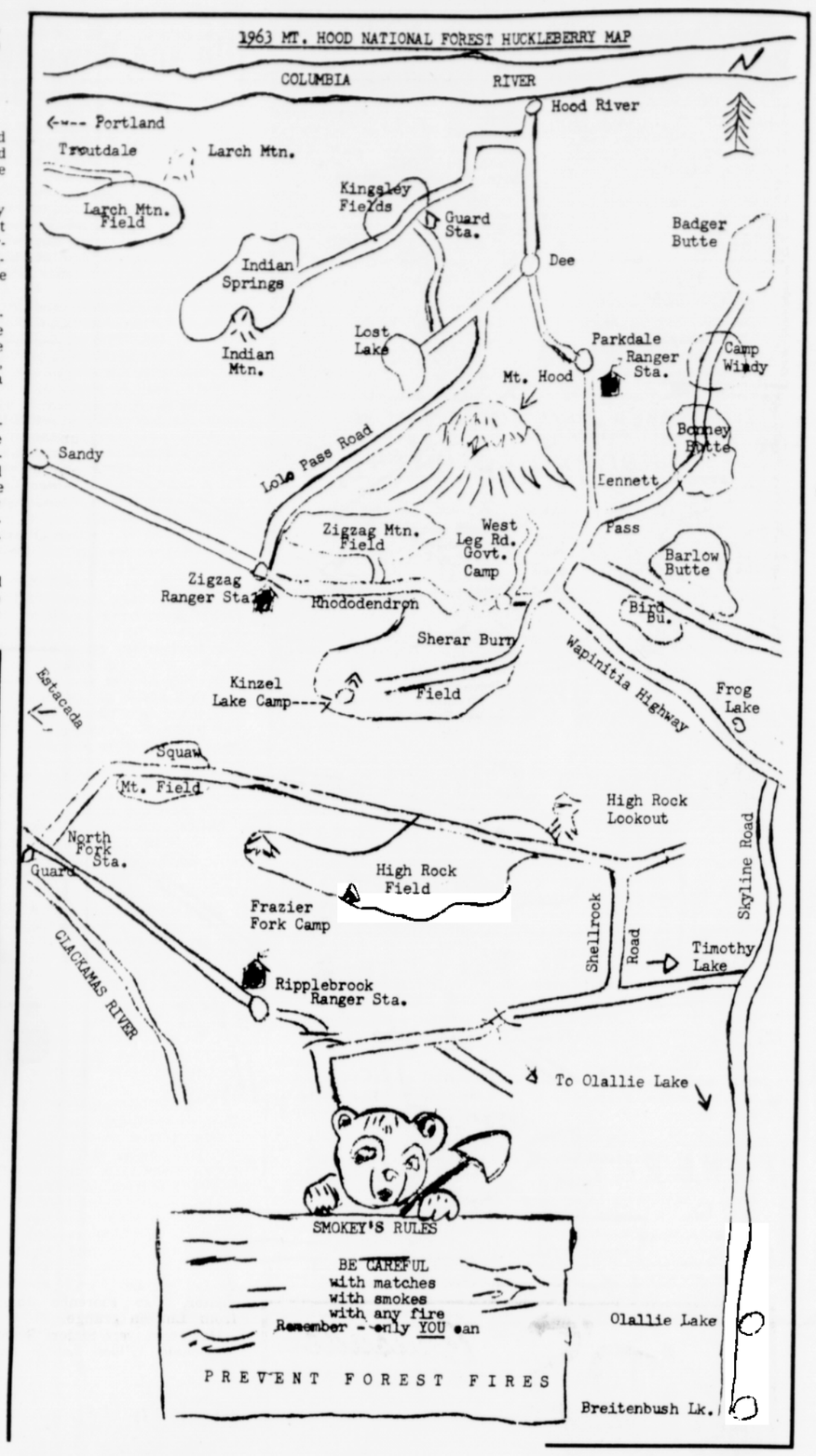
Others present who had attended Firwood school before the turn of the century were Frank Linhart, Anton Malar, Marie Koennecke and Bertha Stuki Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant De Shazer of Washington, D. C., were vacationing in the area and attended the reunion. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peschal came from Hood River especially by way of Tygh valley in order to bring Mr. and Mrs. Godfry Stucki to the picnic.

Because everyone enjoyed the reunion so much the group hopes to repeat the picnic again next year.



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Huckleberry Crop Ripens on Mt. Hood

The Mt. Hood National Forest reports that this year's huckleberry crop will be ready for harvest in most areas around Aug. 23. The cool, wet summer has slowed the development of the berry crop this year, Supervisor Neff advised.

Some of the popular spots on the forest are Sherar Burn Rd. to Kinzel lake, Multorpor mountain, Larch mountain and Indian mountain. In the Olallie-Breitenbush lake area, there is generally a fair crop with scattered small areas of good production around Monon lake. The High Rock area will have a fair crop, a little better than last year's.

Autos can park closest to the berry fields along the Sherar Burn Rd., end of Zig Zag Mountain Rd., Larch mountain and in the High Rock area.

Supervisor Neff requests that pickers park their cars off the road so the roads will be free for travel at all times in the event of fire.

He also requests that pickers be extremely careful of cigarettes and fire and remember that smoking is prohibited while traveling in timber, brush, or grass areas except in vehicles on roads.

Do not smoke while berry-picking! If the current warming and drying trend continues, the forest will be at a critical stage and extreme caution must be exercised.

Campfire permits are not required, but fires must be built in a safe place and completely extinguished before being left. If fires are built any place other than a forest service campground, the following tools must be in the campers possession:

1. One axe not less than 26 inches in length overall, with head weighing two pounds or over.

2. One shovel not less than 36 inches in length overall, with blade not less than 8 inches wide.

3. One water container, capacity one gallon or more.

Neff also points out the need for caution by all who are on these outings. It is easy to become confused when away from a road or trail and soon lose sense of direction. It is just such conditions that set the stage for a person to become lost.

We ask that unless you are an experienced woodsman that you do not travel by yourself in the woods. The berries may grow in obsecure places. If you go to such places, remember how you got there so you can get back again.

Keep your eyes open and keep alert.

Timothy King Continues Study

Timothy King, 11-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. Fred King, was recently auditioned by Marjorie Trotter and accepted as a student for advanced piano study. Mrs. Trotter has only two other pre-college students among the professional people she instructs.

Timothy chose as his selections the original scores of "Claire de Lune" and "Fuer Elise." He has had two years of musical instruction and has been serving as church pianist at First Baptist church of Sandy.

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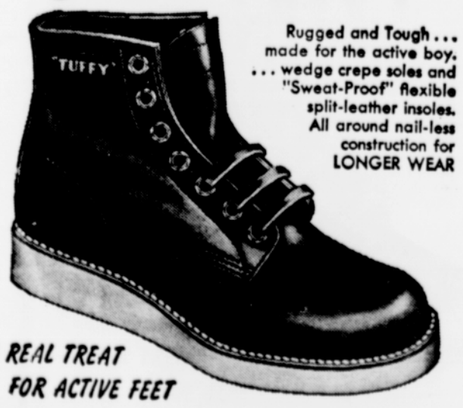

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